



## TAEP Producer Diversification Program Fruits & Vegetables Criteria For Fiscal Year 2011 – 2012

### **Program Criteria:**

- This information is current as of **March 15, 2011** and is a supplement to the TAEP 2011 Application and Guidelines.
- **Producers** are eligible for the following cost share percentages for qualified expenses:
  - **Standard** - 35% cost share up to a maximum of \$10,000.
  - **Priority** - 50% cost share up to a maximum of \$15,000 for producers meeting special requirements for select items.
- The proposed activity must encompass **quality expansion** or **improvement** of the applicant's business. Eligible categories include:
  - Farm Infrastructure
  - Specialty Equipment
  - Marketing

### **Competitive Projects – Fruits & Vegetables:**

Priority is given to projects that are focused on improving or increasing production. Marketing projects are allowed but are not considered as competitive as those involving production.

### **Priority Cost Share – Special Requirements for 50% Cost Share:**

#### ***Who is eligible?***

The applicant must have a viable commercial need for a packing facility for food safety purposes. Wholesale growers that have markets demanding Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) food safety plans will be given priority. The applicant must have attended one of the following workshops or mock audits from the list below prior to reimbursement deadline.

- GAP Food Safety Workshop
  - February 24, 2010 – Ethridge, TN
  - March 2, 2010 – Fayetteville, TN

- March 3, 2010 – Columbia, TN
- March 16, 2010 – Johnson Co, TN
- October 20, 2010 – Greeneville, TN
- January 28-29, 2010 – Nashville, TN – Tennessee Horticultural Expo
- February 7, 2011 – Fayetteville, TN
- GAPs Online Produce Safety Course
- More 2011, 2012 - TBD
- GAP Mock Audit
  - May 27, 2010 – Pulaski, TN
  - June 17, 2010 – Ethridge, TN
  - July 6, 2010 – Fayetteville, TN
  - July 13, 2010 – Spring Hill, TN
  - 2011 - TBD

***What items are eligible for the 50% priority cost share?***

- Produce packing facilities
  - Structure
  - Electrical
  - Plumbing
  - Packing line/washing equipment
  - Loading Dock
- Food grade materials needed for a GAP plan
  - Plastic harvest bins
  - Plastic storage bins
  - Plastic pallets
- Hand washing stations and permanent restroom facilities for workers
  - Stand alone structure or part of packing facility
  - Sinks
  - Toilets
  - Plumbing
  - Electrical

### ***What items are eligible for the 35% standard cost share?***

All of the items listed above (under priority cost share) are eligible for 35% if the applicant does not meet the special requirements for priority cost share.

Brochures	- <i>overhead</i>	Pump – <i>irrigation, filter</i>
Fan – <i>greenhouse</i>	- <i>pivot</i>	Retail shelter
Fertilizer equipment	- <i>pump</i>	Row covers
Field planter	<u>Lighting -</u>	Sign
Filter system - <i>irrigation</i>	- <i>greenhouse</i>	Sink – <i>produce washing</i>
Filter pump – <i>irrigation</i>	- <i>parking</i>	Soil mixer
Freezer	- <i>pavilion/retail shelter</i>	Spray equipment
<u>Gravel-</u>	- <i>not for aesthetics</i>	Sprayer
- <i>foundation</i>	Loading area/dock	Thermostat – <i>greenhouse</i>
- <i>propagation area</i>	Mulch machine	Trellis materials
- <i>parking lot</i>	Mulch layer/lifter	<u>Fruit stock</u>
<u>Greenhouse-</u>	Packing building	- <i>apples</i>
- <i>hydroponic</i>	Packing line equipment	- <i>blackberries</i>
- <i>overwintering</i>	<u>Parking area -</u>	- <i>blueberries</i>
- <i>shade system</i>	- <i>gravel</i>	- <i>peaches</i>
- <i>structure</i>	- <i>pavement</i>	- <i>raspberries</i>
Heater - <i>greenhouse</i>	- <i>site preparation</i>	Walk-in cooler
High tunnel/hoop house	- <i>space markers</i>	Water level control
<u>Irrigation -</u>	Pavilion – <i>retail sales</i>	Water storage tanks
- <i>controller system</i>	Pond liner- <i>irrigation</i>	Website development
- <i>drip</i>	<i>system</i>	Wood boiler
- <i>filter system</i>	Production line equip.	

### **Examples of Ineligible Items:**

Building – <i>storage</i>	Forklift	Motorized vehicles
Chemicals	Fuel	Mower
Computers	Give-a-way items	Office equipment
Containers - <i>bottles, pots</i>	Golf Cart	Permits
Driveways	Insecticides	Pesticides
Drip tape	Labor – <i>applicant or employees of applicant</i>	Plants – <i>liners/plugs</i>
Electrical service	Landscaping	Ponds – <i>digging of for a water source</i>
<u>Fees</u>	Land – <i>clearing of</i>	Product development
- <i>domain</i>	Livestock	Property – <i>purchase or debt payment</i>
- <i>hosting</i>	Maintenance of existing structures	Renovations of existing structures
- <i>membership</i>	Meeting expenses	
Fencing	Merchandise	
Fertilizer		

Seeds – *produce, nursery, flowers, etc*  
Software  
Store - *general*  
Tractor

Trade show expenses  
Trailers – *livestock*  
Used equipment  
Water source creation –  
*ponds/wells*

Website – *annual or hosting fees*  
Wells – *drilling of*

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